

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

FOR

SYSTEM AND PROCESS FOR DELIVERY OF CONTENT OVER A
NETWORK

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to Provisional Application No. 60/195,870, filed April 7, 2000, and to Provisional Application No. 60/273,444, filed March 5, 2001, each of which is hereby incorporated by reference. The present invention also relates to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/603,805, filed June 20, 2000 (for which a Petition to Convert Non-Provisional Application to Provisional Application Under 37 CFR 1.53(c)(2) was filed March 16, 2001 ^{is granted under} via U.S. Express Mail Label No. EL752586903US, our file number 041892-0208, ^{provide provisional Application No. 60/367,335} decision of petition and provisional serial number unknown at this time), which is incorporated herein by reference and which forms a basis for priority. The present invention also relates to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/826,374 ^{still pending} titled "Online Digital Video Signal Transfer Apparatus and Method," filed April 4, 2001 (~~attorney docket no. 041892-0207~~), which is incorporated herein by reference and which forms a basis for priority. The present invention also relates to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/827,469 ^{still pending} titled "Secure Digital Content Licensing System and Method," filed April 6, 2001 (~~attorney docket no. 041892-0203~~); and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/828,406 ^{still pending} titled "Website System and Process For Selection And Delivery Of Electronic Information On A Network," filed April 6, 2001 (~~attorney docket no. 041892-0205~~), each of which is incorporated by reference in its entirety.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Embodiments of the present invention relate to systems and processes for delivery of electronic data to recipient processors over a network and, in particular embodiments, to systems and processes for delivery of digitally encoded content files to users, such as motion picture files to rental customers over the Internet. Further embodiments relate to system architecture and processes for facilitating the delivery of a large number of relatively large files to recipients over a network.